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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : PATNAIK et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/885,361  
FILED : June 20, 2001  
FOR : EPTFE CALIBER VASCULAR GRAFTS WITH SIGNIFICANT  
PATENCY ENHANCEMENT VIA A SURFACE COATING  
WHICH CONTAINS COVALENTLY BONDED HEPARIN  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3738  
EXAMINER : Michener, J.

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Response to Office Action

SIR:

This is in response to the Communication mailed February 12, 2003 (Paper No. 10) having a response time which is the longer of one month or thirty days from the date of the Communication. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to extend the response time to April 12, 2003. Please charge the appropriate extension of time fees against Deposit Account No. 11-0600 to Kenyon & Kenyon.

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-7; 10-26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.